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Applicant: Hiroshi Suganuma

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 2, 2006, Applicant requests the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.